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THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLASSICAL
ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

This meeting was held at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29. The least that can be said of it is that the Association has never held a meeting more successful in every way. In spite of the sudden return of real winter on Friday morning, 112 members and guests of the Association signed the registration book. Many others failed to register, though they were in attendance. We have had generous hosts in other years, but never has a more thoughtfully planned entertainment been lavished upon us. A part of this was referred to on Saturday afternoon by our President, when he said that the problem of the high cost of living seemed to be solved in Norton. He had been at Wheaton College for two days, and he had not been able to spend a cent. Many of the college students gave up three days of their vacation in order to assist in entertaining us.

Friday evening will be long remembered in the annals of the Association. After dinner there were brief but excellent addresses by President Cole, of Wheaton College, by Professor Howes, President of the Association, by Professor Knapp, the delegate from the Classical Association of the Atlantic States, and by Dr. Gallagher, of Thayer Academy. After this, in the room used for our regular sessions, Professor Charles R. Lanman, of Harvard University, gave an illustrated lecture on "Elementary Grammars: A Few Words on the Gentle Art of Making Things Seem Harder Than They Are." It was highly entertaining, as well as instructive. The address will appear in the columns of the *Journal*, where the charm of its delivery must be imagined by the reader. We then adjourned to the college chapel, and Professor H. G. Tucker gave an organ recital, which was highly appreciated by all. The evening's entertainment ended with a reception at the President's house, by President and Mrs. Cole.

The papers were of the usual high quality. Two innovations adopted this year seem to have met with particular success. First, the whole of Friday afternoon, after Professor Knapp had delivered the greetings from the Classical Association of the Atlantic States,

was devoted to Greek. Secondly, each paper was, at its conclusion, open for discussion, and all papers were discussed, most of them by many members. The discussions were never long and wearisome but always crisp, to the point, and illuminating.

At the business session on Friday morning the Association adopted the following resolution, which we hope will prove of interest to and be adopted by each of the other three regional Associations:

For the purpose of bringing about closer affiliation and co-operation between the four great regional Associations the adoption of the following plan is recommended: The constitution of the Secretary-Treasurers of the four Associations as the nucleus of a council to be called into full being when any joint action, in any direction, by the four regional Associations seems desirable and possible. To this nucleus may be added, by action of the Executive Committee of each Association, a desired number of other members to constitute the full council. The actions of this council shall not be binding on any one of the four regional Associations until said action has been approved, either by the Executive Committee of each Association, in the interim between the annual meetings, or by the annual meeting of the Association itself.

One matter in particular that might be done by the joint action of the four associations is the securing of an adequate series of measurements of Latin and non-Latin pupils. This is an undertaking too great for any one association to attempt. The four associations, working in unison, would need a vast amount of outside assistance. If properly done, it would command respect and be of tremendous value to our cause. A year ago the Classical Association of New England appointed a committee to study this problem. At this meeting the committee reported that no definite steps had been taken, owing to the fact that the experts who would have to conduct the investigations were all occupied with war work. Now that the war seems to be practically over, the task ought to be undertaken at once and with vigor.

On Saturday morning Dean Andrew F. West addressed the Association on the proposed American Classical League. After Dean West had finished his argument in favor of the League, the Association adopted by unanimous vote the following resolu-

tion: "That the Classical Association of New England approve the formation of the proposed American Classical League, provided the constitution of the proposed League shall contain a provision for representation from each of the four great regional Associations, said representation to consist of some member of each regional Classical Association chosen by the Association itself, at its annual meeting." After some discussion the following suggestion to the Classical Conference that is to meet at Milwaukee during the first week of July, in connection with the meeting of the National Education Association and to frame the League's constitution, was also voted without dissent: "That the Classical Association of New England recommend that the Executive Committee of the proposed American Classical League shall not contain more than twelve members in all and that the constitution shall definitely state that the annual meeting shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the National Education Association."

The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Charles S. Knox, St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.; Vice-President, Professor Haven D. Brackett, Clark College, Worcester, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, Professor George E. Howes, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.; Executive Committee (for two years), Professor Karl P. Harrington, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and Miss Ruth B. Franklin, Rogers High School, Newport, R. I. The other members of the Executive Committee, whose terms expire in 1920, are Miss M. M. Pickering, Brimmer School, Boston, Mass., and Miss Lillian M. Sleeper, High School, Manchester, N. H.

The annual meeting in 1920 will be held at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

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